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I have been involved in the aquaduct, throughout the entire process and knew they had finished construction. At this point, barring any T and E issues we would be fine to review the draft final permit. If you need or would like more support, please give me a call.

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On Mon, Jan 13, 2014 at 10:20 AM, Letzkus, Mary <Letzkus.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Chris and Chris,

I wanted to give you a heads up that I am working on the reissuance of the NPDES permit for the Washington Aqueduct. The Washington Aqueduct is the drinking water processing plant for DC. You may remember that in the past, this was a very controversial permit because it involved the discharge of significant amounts of aluminum treated residuals into the Potomac River. The Aqueduct completed the improvements to the process in 2012 and since that time has been operating with the new solids treatment facility in place. Dewatered solids are now trucked offsite for land disposal.

That being the case, most of the protections found in the Special Conditions (which were specifically written into the permit to protect natural resources) will no longer be necessary. Given your workload, how would you like me to proceed regarding your involvement? Would you like a meeting with the Aqueduct to hear from them the improvements they have made? Would you like a conference call to discuss the project and where we see the new permit going? Would it be helpful to see early drafts of the permit, most specifically as those parts relate to living resources? Would you prefer to wait towards the end of the process when I have a draft permit and fact sheet?

FYI, I'm still early into the permit writing process, but my sense is that we won't be requesting formal consultation this go round, although that may change once I delve more deeply into the new permit. Is there a precedent for such matters where the agencies have worked closely in the past, but with necessary improvements on line, shareholders can agree that formal consultation is no longer needed? I imagine there must be.

Please advise if you would like me to forward any documents, although I imagine your agencies have thick folders on this facility.

I want to work as closely with you as you believe would be helpful. Please advise.

Best wishes, Mary